

"NASH" - Full Name Perfin

DERRICK MUGGLETON showed some very interesting items to the members who attended the Cambridge Meeting in June. One of the topics displayed was a series of Statements and Invoices from the Anglo-American Oil Co Ltd. They all bore perfinned stamps for receipt purpose.

The Invoices from 1902 to 1908 were all for Oil bought from the Royston Depot by Mr. J. Smith of Buntingford. The driver's name was Geo Pickett and the Id EVII stamps were perfinned AAO/C^o. Nothing unusual so far.

Two Invoices did not fit into this pattern: one for DEC 4 05 with Geo Pickett still as driver but perfin P.F: one for AUG 24 08 with W. Coles as driver and perfin NASH. The P.F is still a mystery but Derrick also showed the postcard, illustrated here, which would appear to give the identity of NASH.

At the bottom of the picture side of the postcard is printed the following words, 'Militia Encampment, Royston 1904. Arrival of the "Old Hands". Published by Robert H. Clark.' The photograph is taken in the Station Yard, as trains and wagons can be seen in the background. Note the board on which is the legend, "W.T.NASH & CO, COAL MERCHANTS". They must have been the users of the 'NASH' perfin on the Anglo-American Oil Co. receipt from Royston Station.

This full name has not yet been identified with a proving cover, but I suggest that Derrick has solved this one with his memory for a name on an old postcard.

